

VSP Public Comment

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To: Secretary of State, Constituent Affairs
Cc: McDannold, Bruce
Subject: Standards for AVVPAT

Should California reject the proposed Diebold system? Vote=Yes

Dear Mr. McDannold

It is of the utmost importance to preserve and protect the integrity of our elections. After the debacle in the 2000 presidential election where a single vote by a supreme court justice decided the election and the many irregularities documented in Ohio last year the electorate is losing faith in our ability to have free and fair elections where every vote is counted. California has a responsibility to its citizens to insure that there is a clear and fair way to do that particularly when an election is very close or in doubt. We can not do that when the solution to paperless electronic voting comes from the company that has gone a long way in creating this problem by claiming that their source code is 'propriety property' and not subject to review by local, state or national figures whose job it is to oversee elections. It should also be noted with some alarm that Diebold owner, creator and CEO was Chuck Hagel, the Republican senator from Nebraska who in interviews proir to ! the election assured the White House that he would deliver Ohio to the Bush team. I, of course can not give you a smoking gun proving that Diebold has manipulated the way their machines reported the results of any given return, but the appearance of conflict of interest here must be eliminated if we are to regain th trust of the electorate. The Citizens Proposed Requirments do just that. Clear readable type, permanant ink record and most importantly an easy format to do recounts when necessary. We deserve nothing less.

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Citizen Proposed Standards:

The AVVPAT shall be printed on single sheet non-thermal at least 16 pound paper, one record of vote per sheet.

Every recorded vote, no matter how recorded, shall have a AVVPAT copy.

The AVVPAT record of the vote shall be printed in a minimum of 12 point font.

The AVVPAT shall be printed and organized to be easily read by both the voter and election officials.

The AVVPAT during the 1% manual audit and any recount shall be physically verified and hand counted only.

The recorded vote choices on the AVVPAT shall not be audited or recounted by automatic or electronic methods.

There shall not be a method by which any particular voting record can be connected to any particular voter.

Any AVVPAT spoiled or rejected by a voter because of a voting system error shall not be counted as a spoiled ballot under the two spoiled ballots limit.

No remote access to voting machines by wireless or internet.